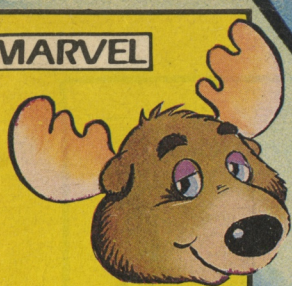


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HI GANG!

Here we are at the end of one year and at the beginning of a brand new one! Portia always likes to make a list of all the good things that have happened in the past year – but Zipper's already made loads of zappy plans for 1986! What do you do? If you can't decide, how about just curling up for now with your favourite comic? The new year starts off with a brand new Gang adventure and it's all about ice-cream! **Yummy!** But there's something very strange in the air down in the little wood with Cloro and Digby. . . and Top Dog's in the clutches of that miserable Mervin Megabucks and his two loopy scientists! I must go and find out what happens!

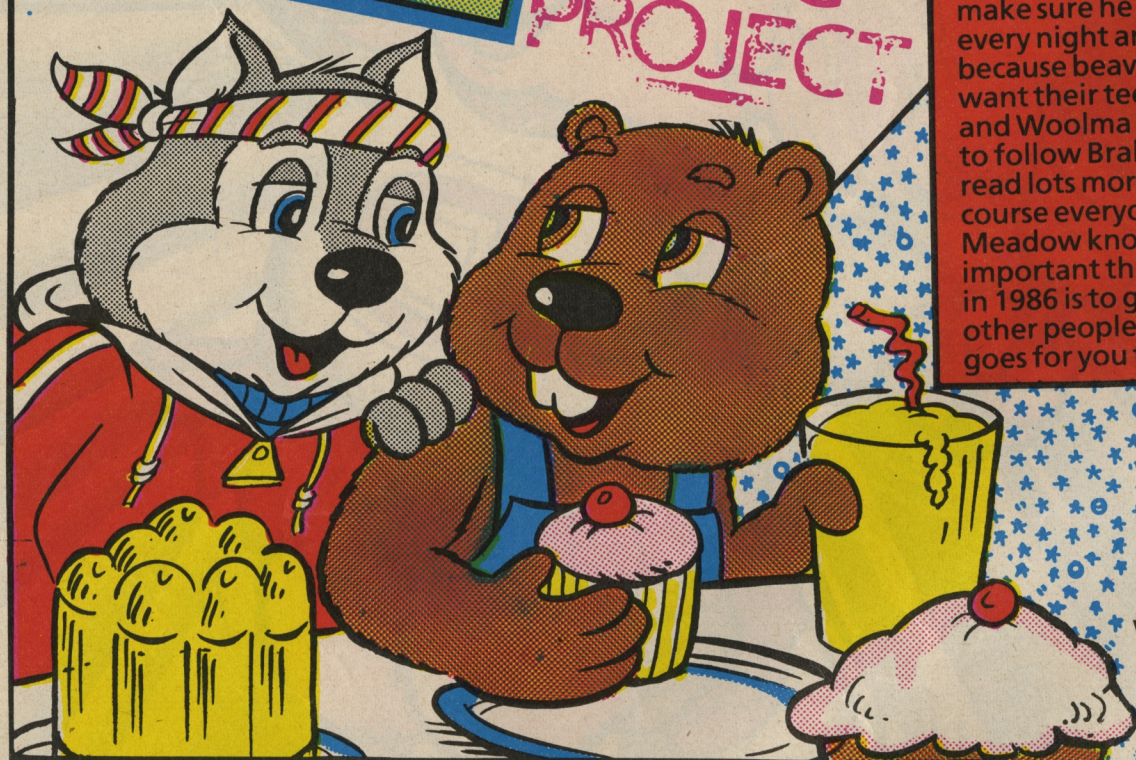
Montgomery

**New Year Story
on page 10!**

GANG PROJECT

This is the time to make new year resolutions – and stick to them! Bingo says he's going to make sure he brushes his teeth every night and every morning because beavers especially want their teeth to last! Dotty and Woolma are going to try to follow Braker's example and read lots more books. . . but of course everyone in Green Meadow knows that the most important thing to remember in 1986 is to get along with other people! We hope that goes for you too!

**More fun
with the Gang
next week!**



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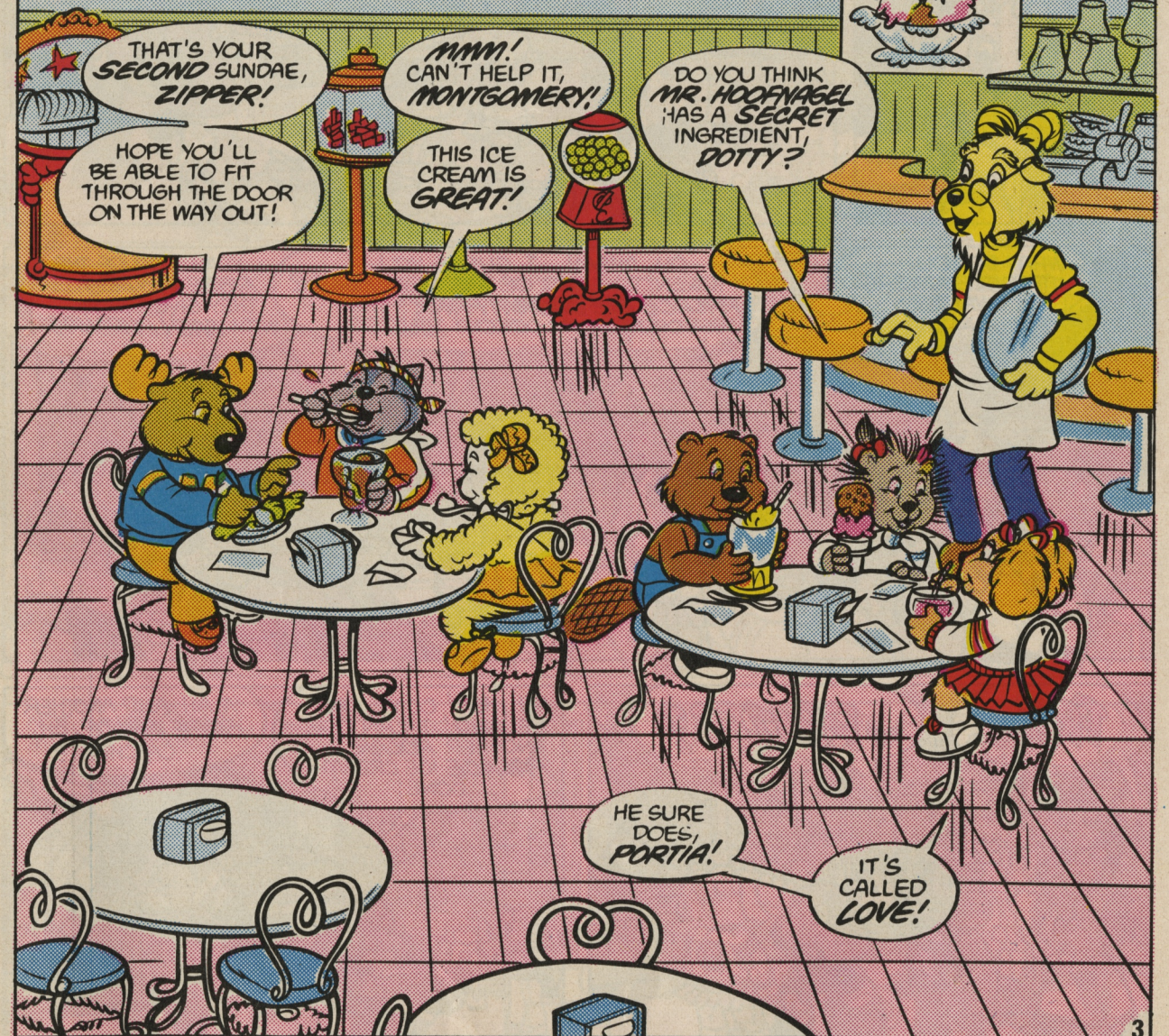
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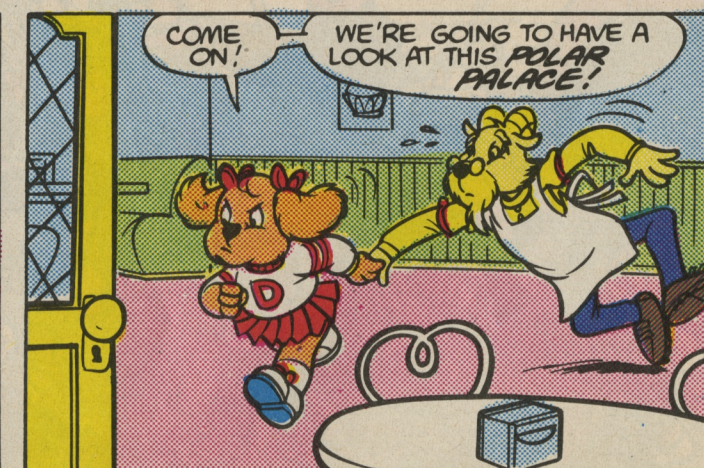
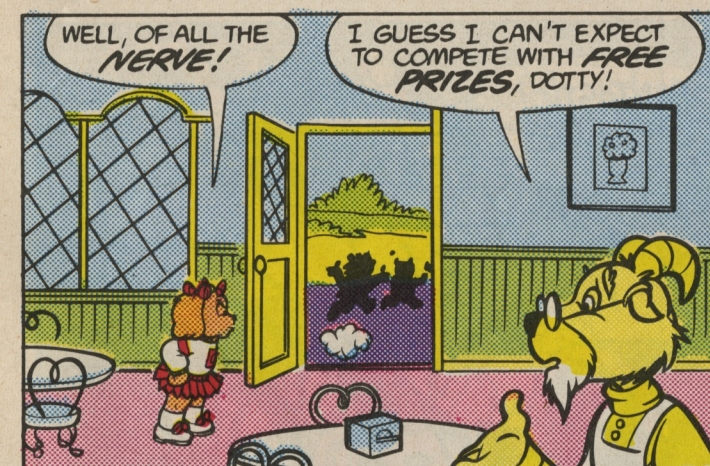
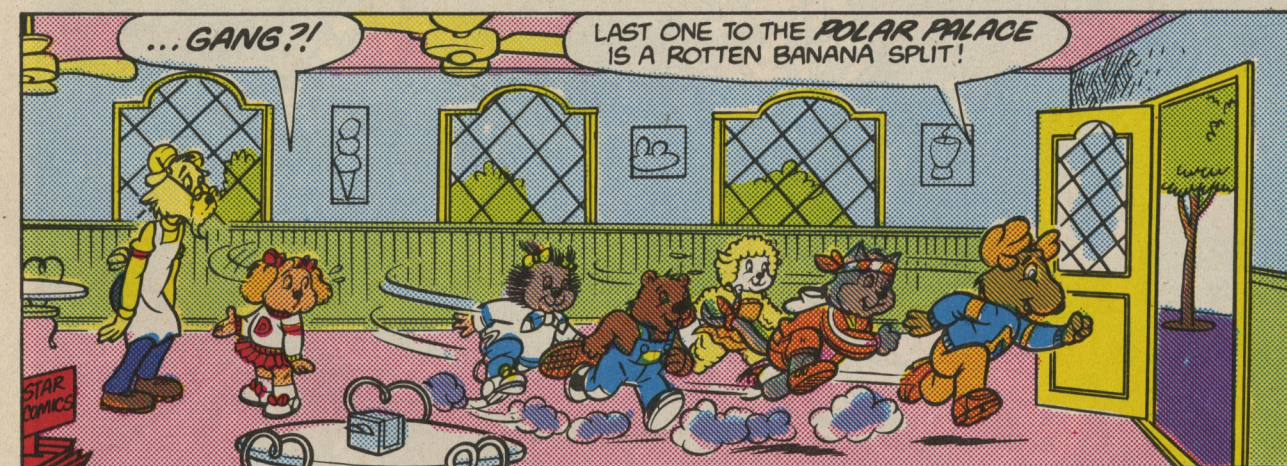
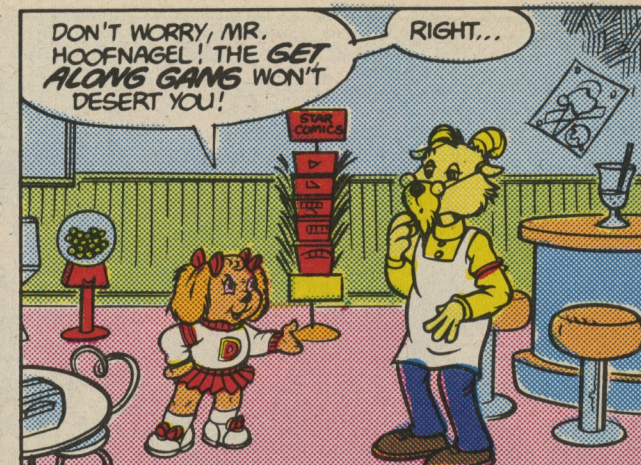
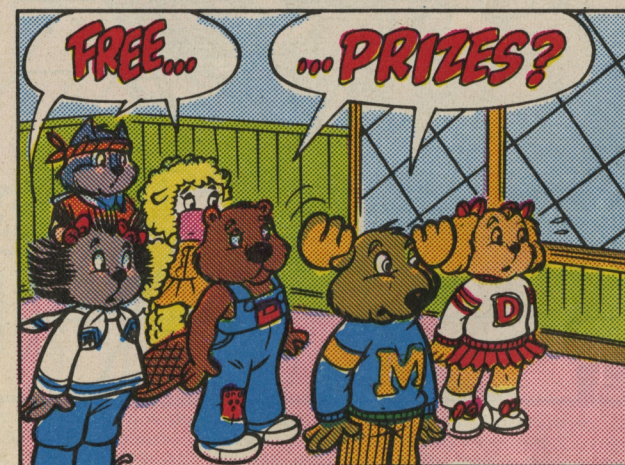
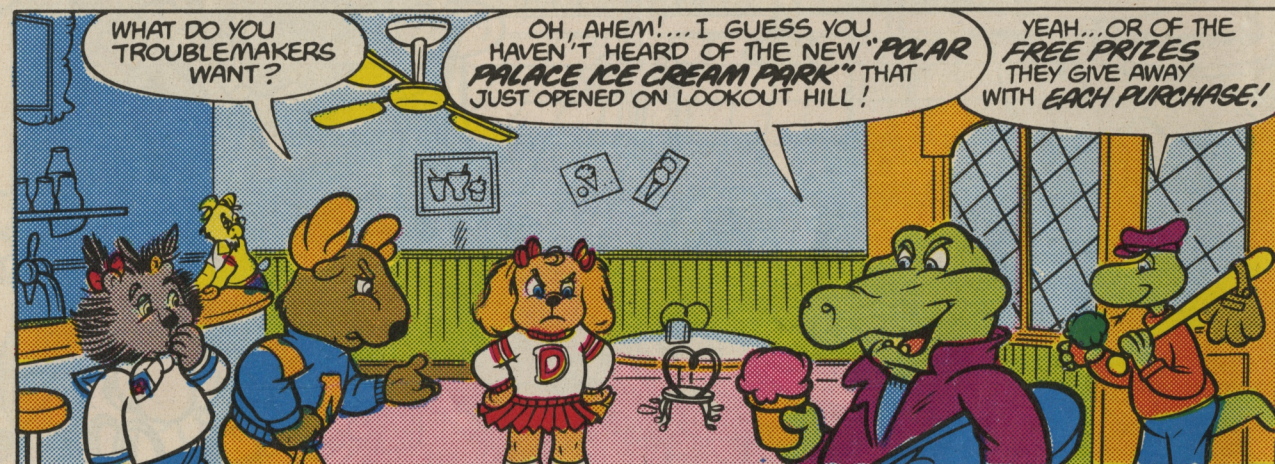
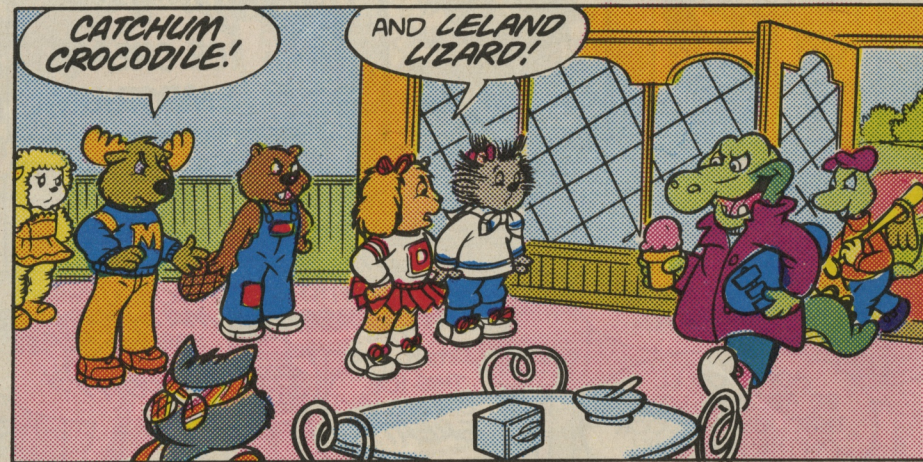
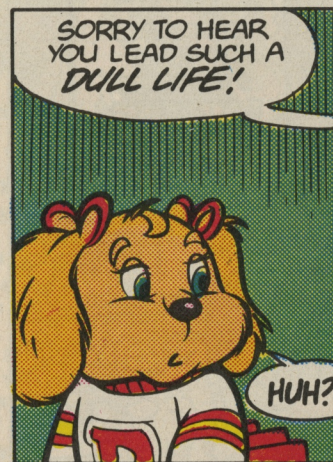
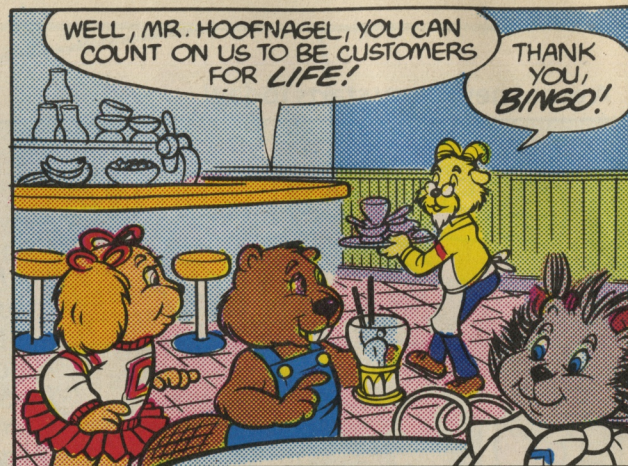
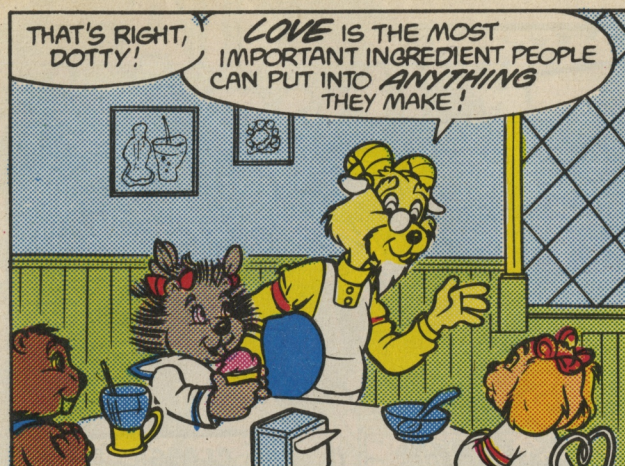


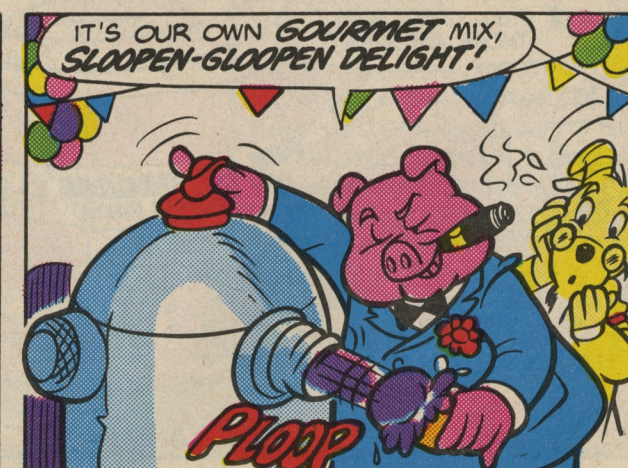
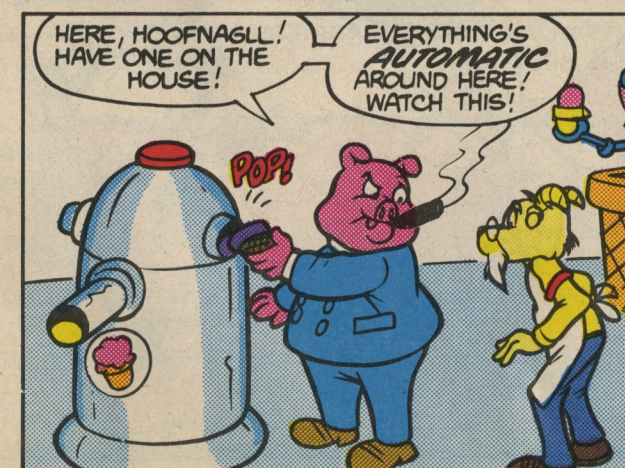
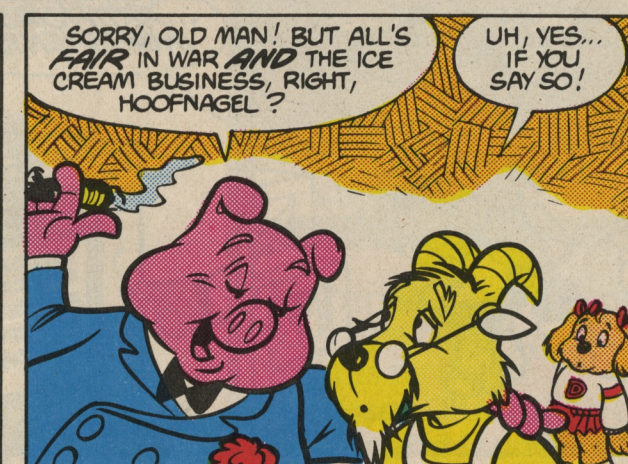
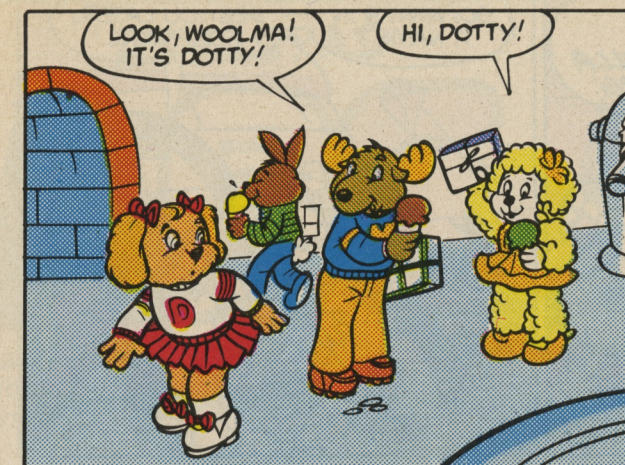
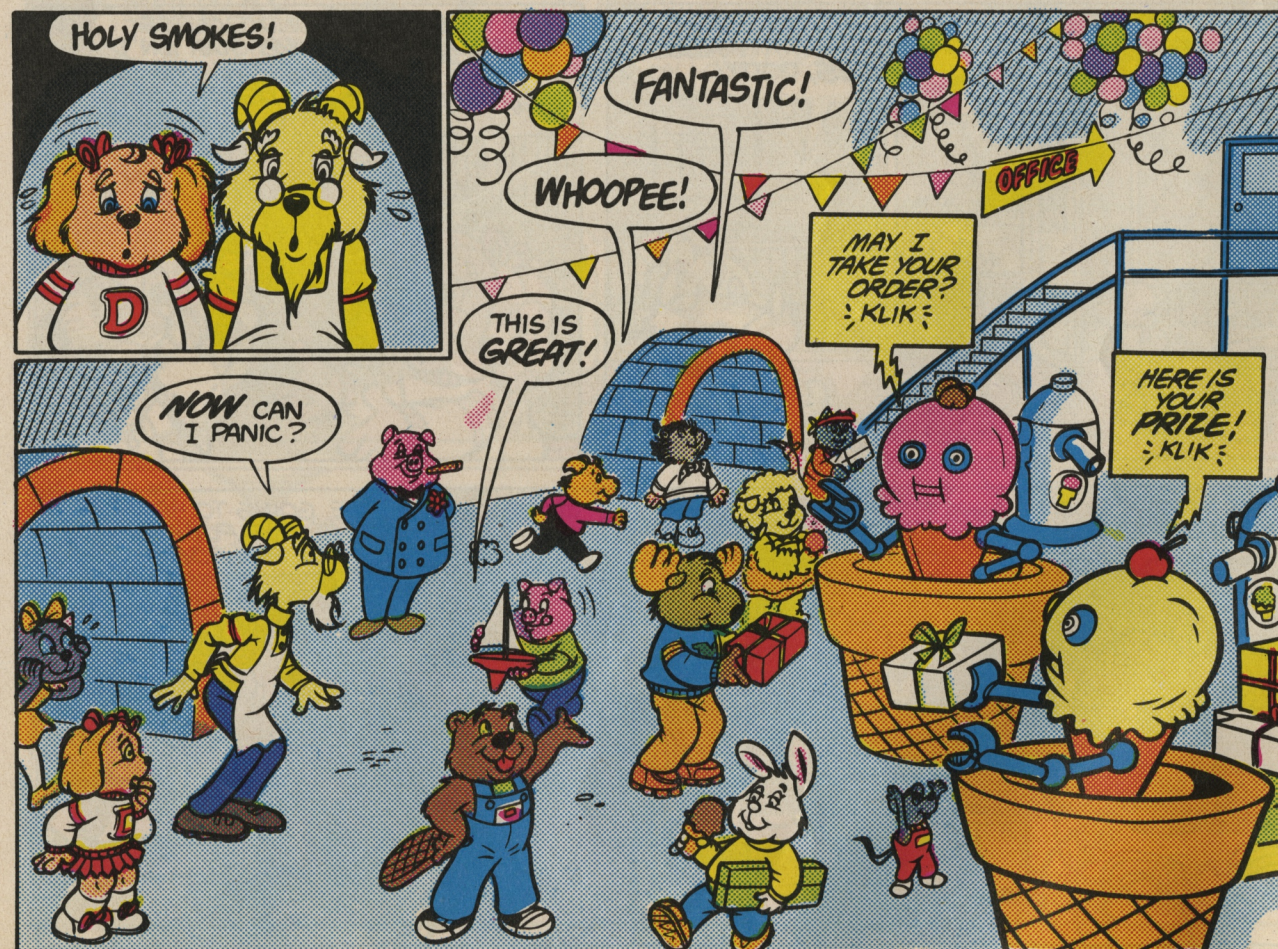
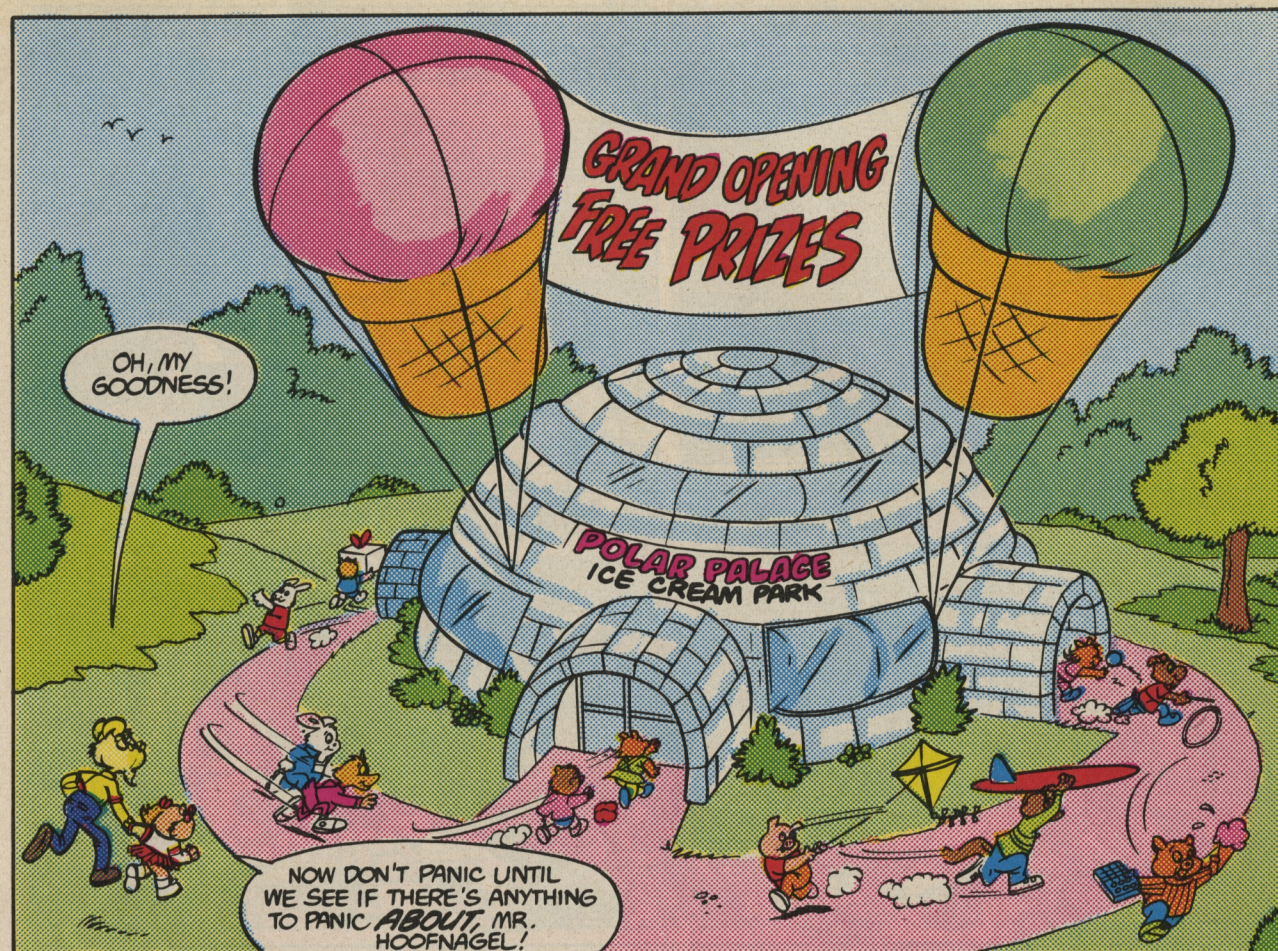
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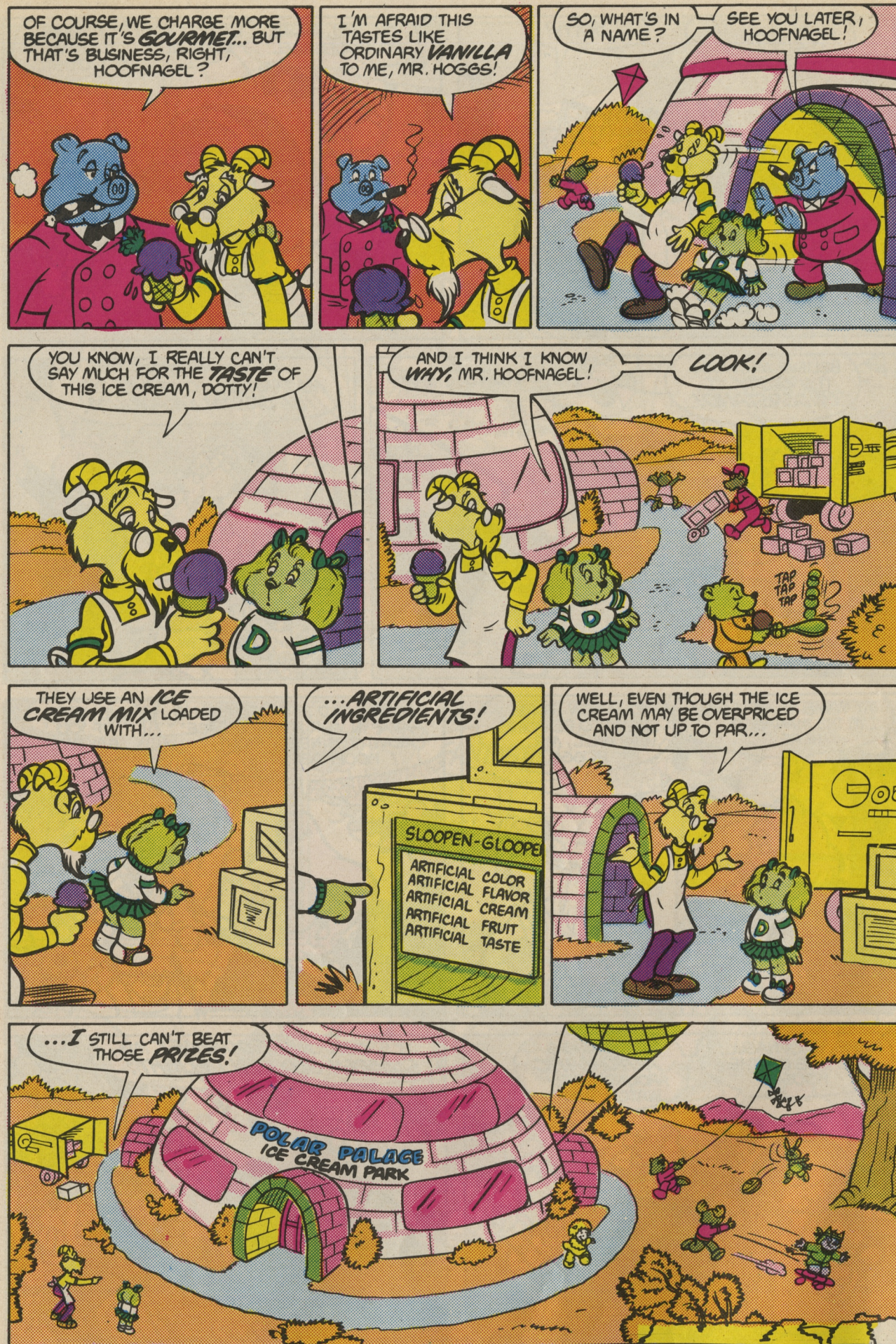
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**CLASSIC
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**CHOCOLATE
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AS EASY AS ABC



Gabrielle A name from the Bible after Gabriel, God's Angel.

Geraldine A name made up by the Earl of Surrey meaning one of the Fitzgeralds. He used the name to write love poems to Lady Elizabeth Fitzgerald.

Gail Another name from the Bible meaning source of joy. Also Abigail, Abby.

Gareth From an old Welsh name meaning gentle.

Gavin A Welsh name meaning Hawk of the Plain.

Gg names



Grumps the gorilla

Gay A French name meaning lively, full of joy.

Gillian Soft haired, fair of face. Also Julia, Julian.

Gemma Precious stone. A name from Italy. Also Germaine.

Gina Garden.

Geoffrey A popular name that has come from several names in the past, so that its meaning is now unclear. A mixture of meanings varying from peace of God, peaceful traveller, vow of peace.

Gordon A name popular in Scotland meaning small, wooded dell.

Grace Pleasing and pretty.

Graham An old English name from Grant meaning agree and promise.

book choice



The Princess and Bungle by Jeremy Strong. Pictures by Peter Stevenson. Published by Hodder and Stoughton. Price: £5.95.

Have you heard the saying "a cat may look at a king"? Well, here's a story about a very fat cat called Bungle who looks at a lonely princess and decides that he would like to become hers. He even saves her from a wicked magician called Firescar, although he turns a funny purple colour in the process... but you'll have to read the story...



By John Gatehouse

Unbelievable! Catchum's New Year Resolution is to do as many good deeds as possible!

"What's a New Year resolution?" Portia asked on New Year's Eve. Woolma scoffed at her friend's ignorance but Braker explained. "It's when you decide to do something good, or stop doing something naughty for a whole year. If you make your resolution on New Year's Day you have to try and keep it all year round."

"My New Year resolution is to be nicer than ever," said Montgomery.
 "I'll be tougher," said Rocco.
 "Faster!" cried Zipper.
 "A better cheerleader. Rah! Rah! Rah!" cheered Dotty.
 "We can use this old bell to ring in the New Year," Bernice said, holding up a rusty hand-bell

she had found in the Gang's toolbox. This started an argument.

"S'mine!" snapped Bingo. "So I should ring the New Year in!"

"Finders keepers," sneered Bernice, keeping tight hold of the bell.

"Us boys should have the honour," argued Rocco.

"Not likely!" growled Portia. Before anyone could stop her, she snatched the bell from Bernice and ran out of the Caboose. She didn't get far. Tripping in the snow, she dropped the bell which rolled down the steep hill.

"You twit!" grumbled Dotty, after the Gang had spent a fruitless ten minutes hunting for it. "You've lost our bell."

Rudyard sighed. "Serves us right for falling out. Now we've nothing to welcome the New Year in with."

Catchum had been pelting Leland with snowballs when he saw Portia fall over in the snow. Seconds later, the snow-covered bell rolled down the hill and stopped at his feet. Snatching it up, the two friends hurried away. "Heh! The Gang dropped a clanger when they lost this bell," Catchum smiled. "I've got a great idea."

Leland muttered quietly to himself. "Catchum's schemes never work!" He didn't tell Catchum this in case he received a snowball down the back of his shirt.

CLANG! CLANG! CLANG! CLANG!

Officer Growler fell out of bed at the terrible din outside his house. He was having an early night and was not amused to be awakened by the ear-shattering noise.

"Gurr! When I get my hands on whoever-it-is who owns that bell, they'll be for it!" he grumbled as he quickly dressed in his smart police uniform.

CLANG! CLANG! CLANG! went the bell again. Leland looked worried as Catchum rang the bell louder than ever.

"W-We'll get into trouble if Officer Growler catches us," he said.

Hearing Growler approaching his front door, Catchum pulled Leland along towards the Clubhouse Caboose. "You mean the dopey Gang will get into trouble. After all, it's their bell - let's return it to them."

The Gang had just arrived back at the Caboose after an exhausting search for a new bell. "All we've got for our effort is cold noses," grumbled Woolma, pointing to her bright red konk.

"Even sticking together hasn't helped," muttered Lolly, shaking the snow off her boots. "We still don't have a bell for tonight."

KNOCK! KNOCK! "It's only me," said a voice

sweetly, as an ugly green face appeared around the door.

"**CATCHUM?**" gasped the Gang together. "What do you want?"

"I've brought you a present," Catchum grinned, holding up the bell. "I, er, found this in the snow."

"Our bell!" cheered Portia, but Montgomery wasn't convinced.

"Why are you being nice to us?" he demanded.

Catchum struggled to look innocent. "Why, it's my New Year resolution," he fibbed. "To do as many good deeds as possible." He rang the bell furiously. **CLANG! CLANG!** "See, it still works."

Leland's head appeared through the Caboose window. "Quick, Boss. He's coming!"

"Who's coming?" asked Dotty suspiciously.

"Oh, no-one important," said Catchum quickly as he pushed the bell into Bernice's hands. "Gotta go! 'Bye!" With that, he dashed out of the door.

Officer Growler had followed the sound of the bell to the Caboose. He arrived moments after Catchum and Leland had run around the back of the Caboose to watch the fun.

"Is this your bell?" Growler demanded, pointing to the bell still in Bernice's hand. "Because it woke me up!"

Montgomery groaned. "I knew Catchum was up to something!"

"It's everyone's bell," he told Growler. "We share everything together so if there's any punishment to come, we all deserve it."

"Hear! Hear!" cried the others. "We stick together through good times and bad."

Growler smiled. "If your bell hadn't woken me up, I'd have missed Green Meadow's New Year's Eve party. So for "punishment" how would you all like to come too?"

"**YIPPEE!**" the Gang cheered. "Oh no!" moaned Leland behind the Caboose. "You twit, Catchum. Your rotten plan's backfired again!"

The church bells began to strike twelve to welcome in the New Year.

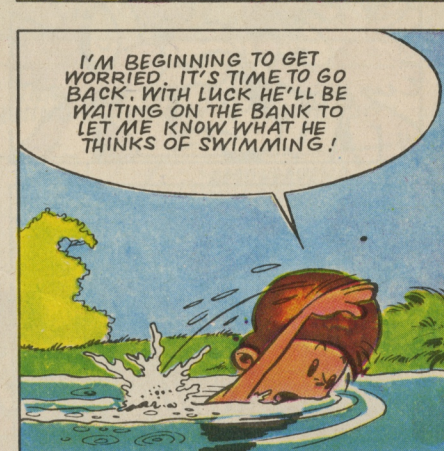
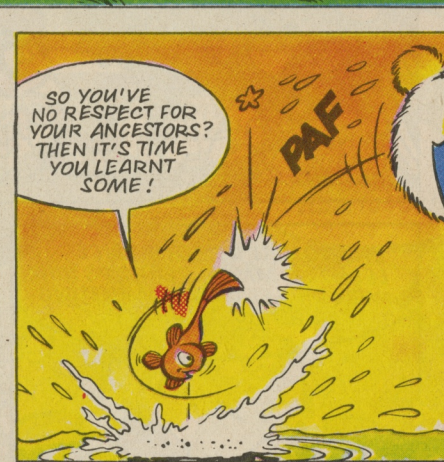
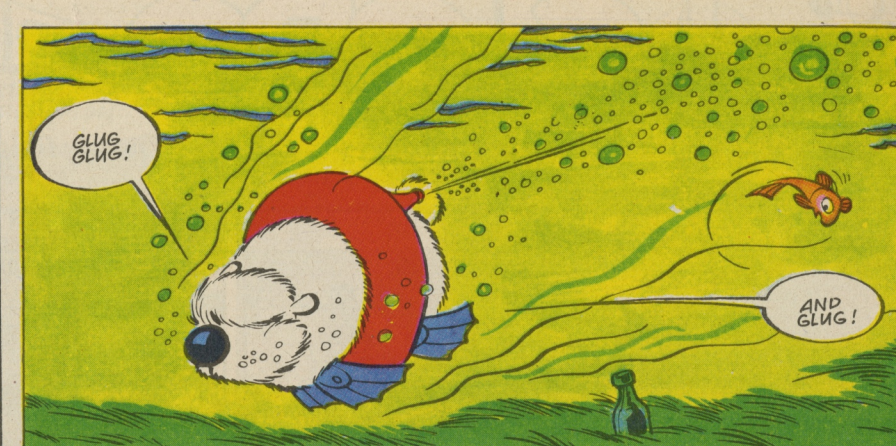
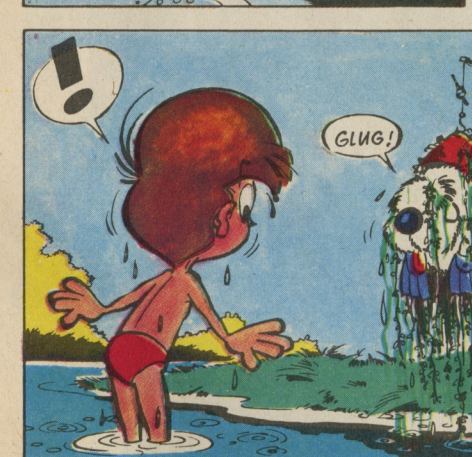
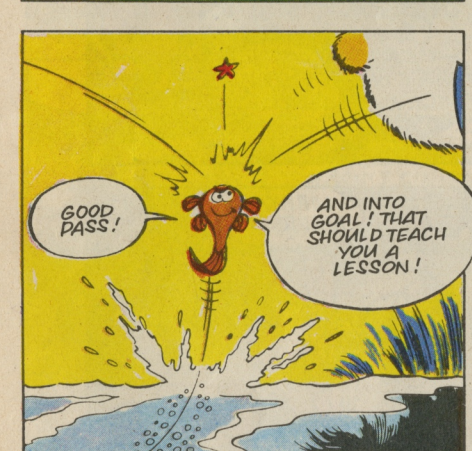
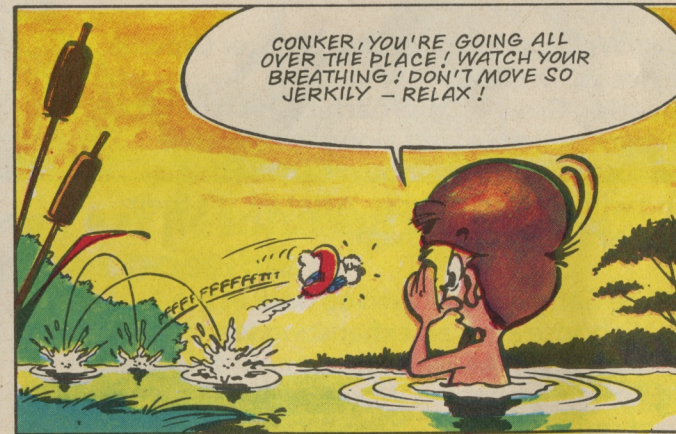
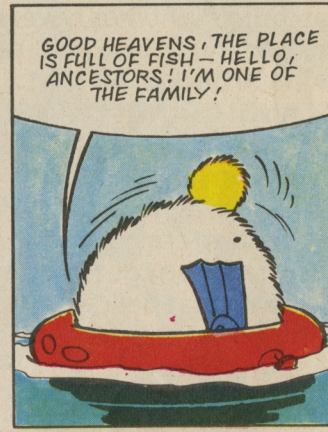
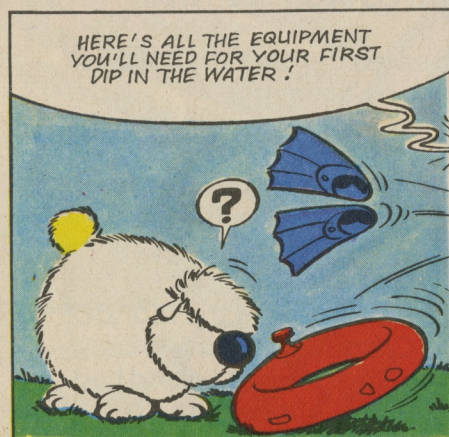
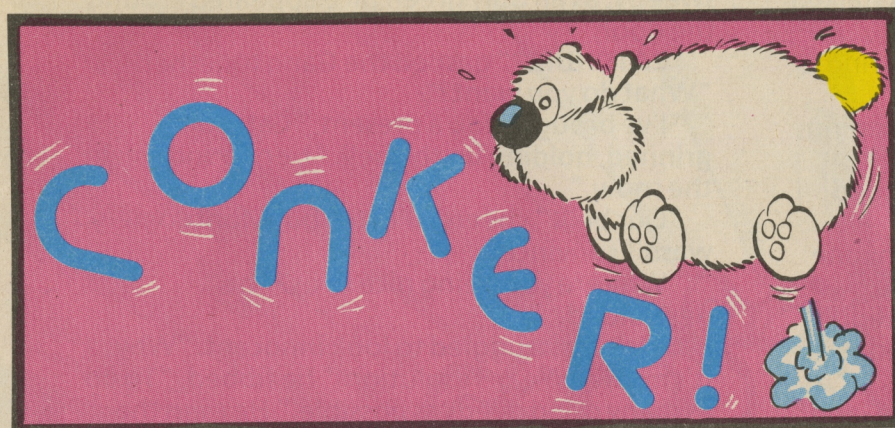
"Thanks for asking Officer Growler to invite us to the party," Leland said to the Gang as they all joined hands and danced to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne".

"Well, we couldn't let you miss out on this treat," chuckled Zipper. "After all, you did help us get in."

Montgomery nodded. "The Gang's New Year resolution is to **get along** even better in 1986!"

"And ours is to be as **bad** as ever!" Catchum grinned.

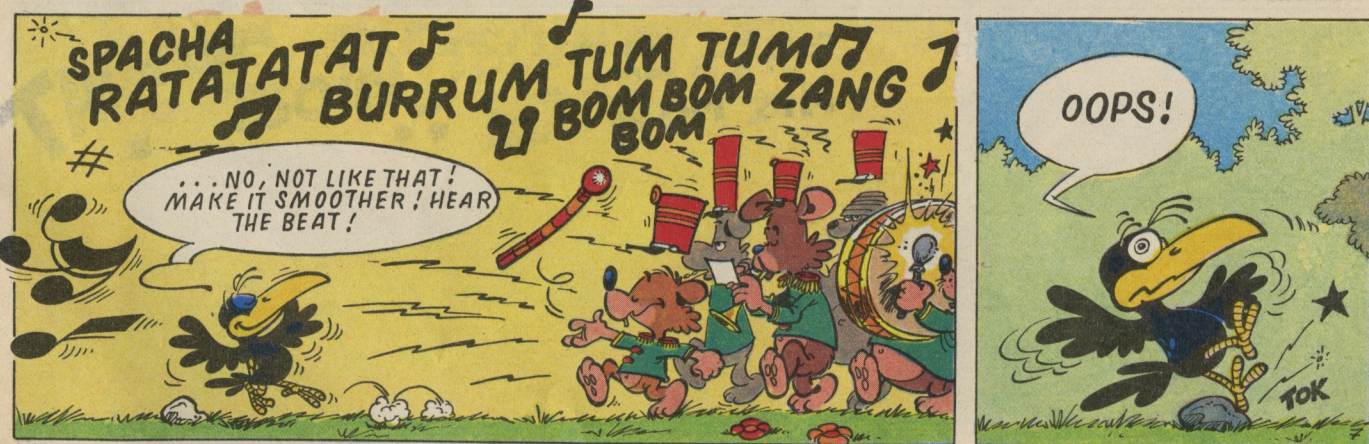
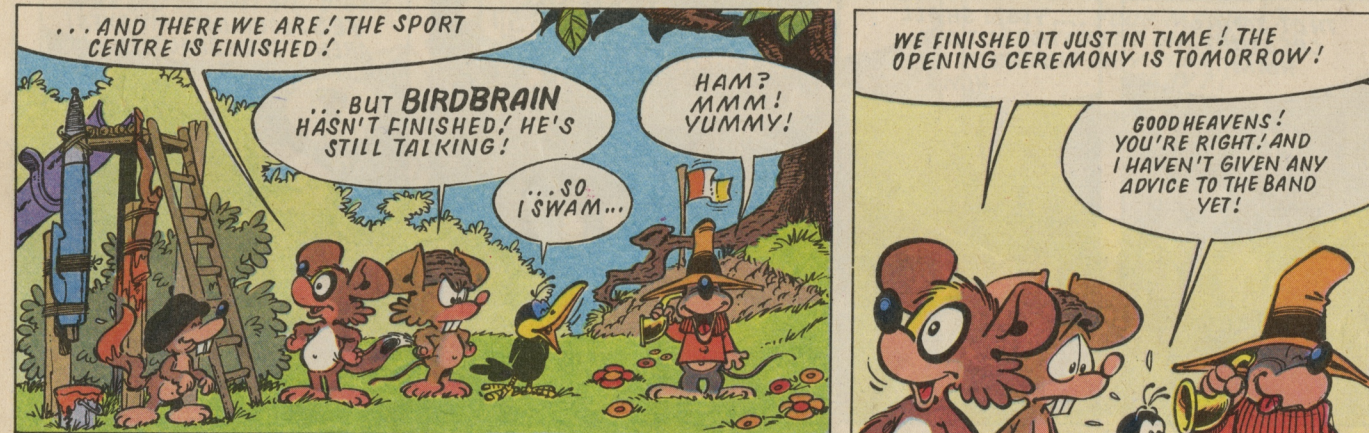
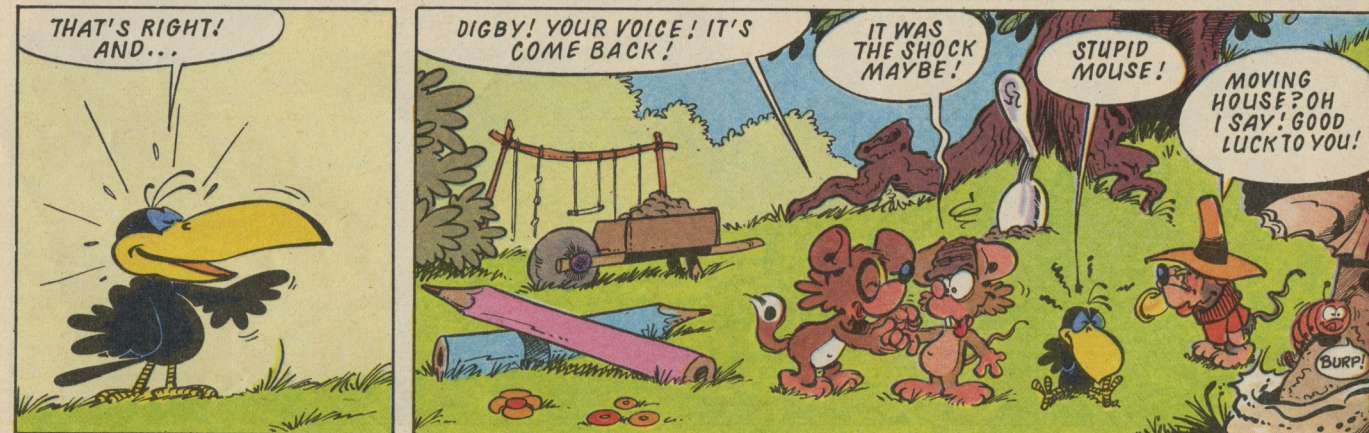
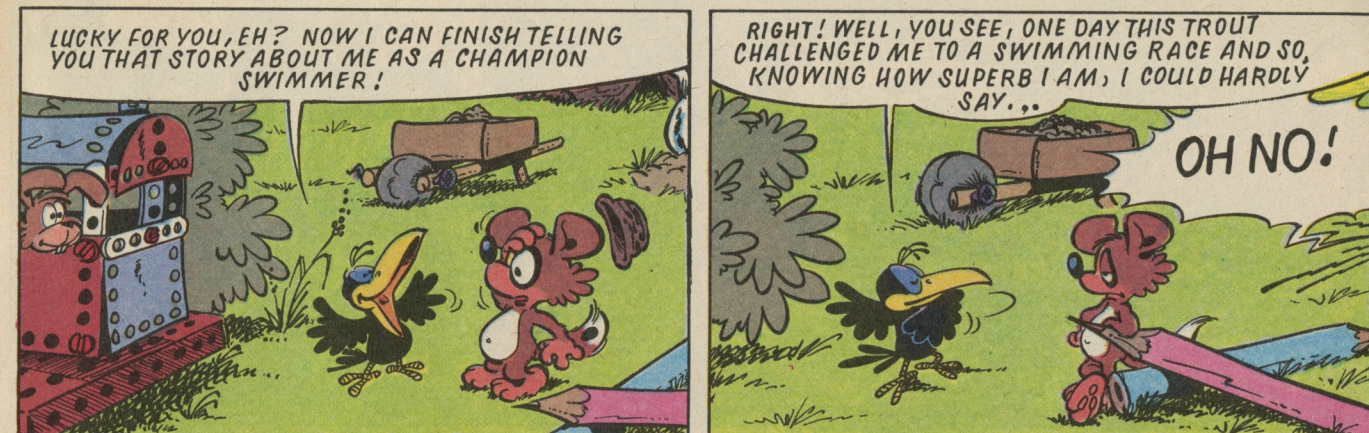
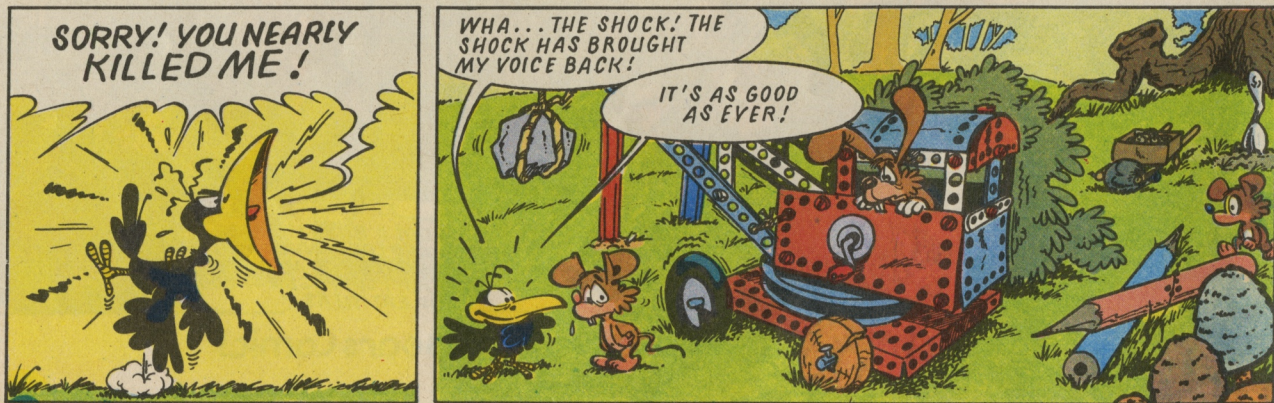
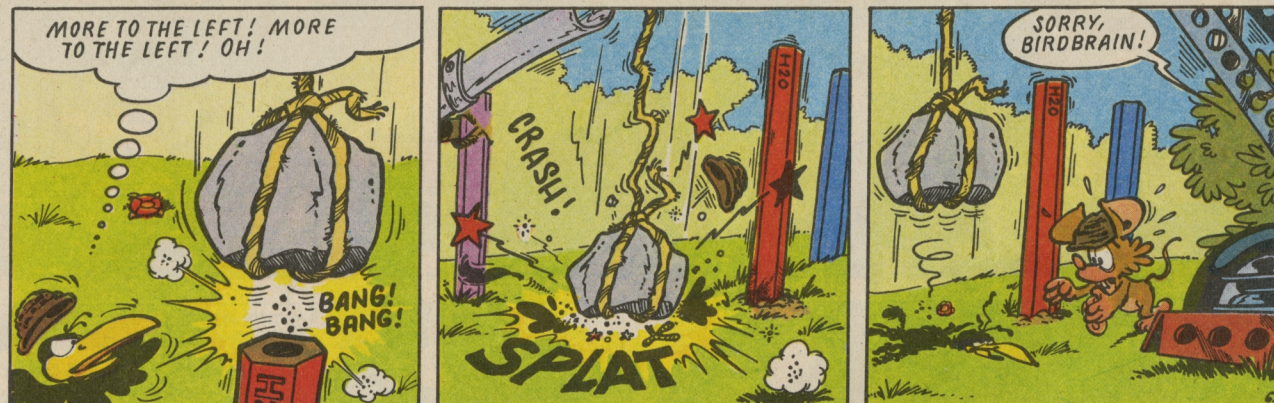
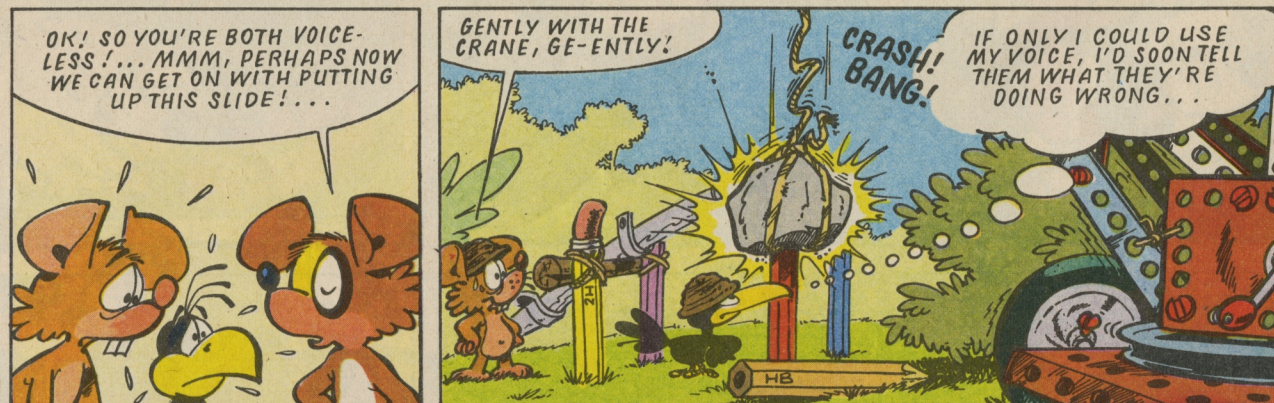
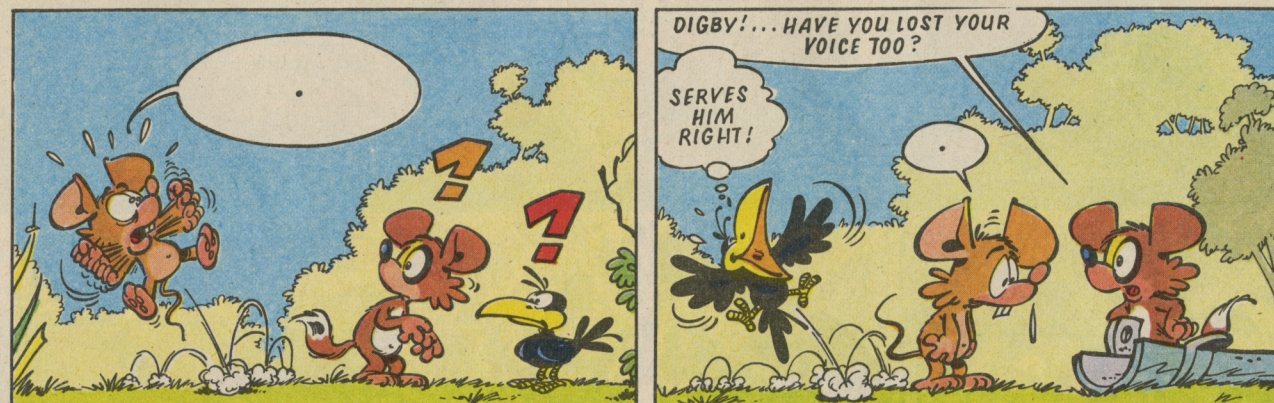
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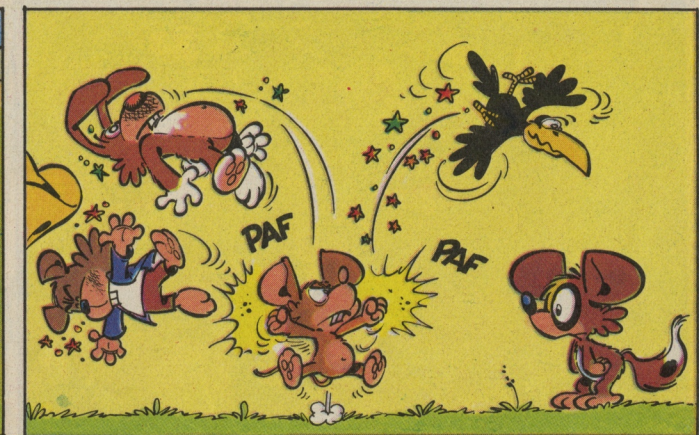
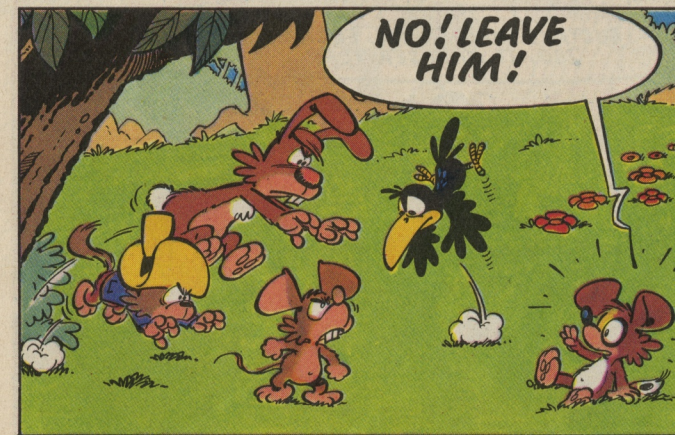
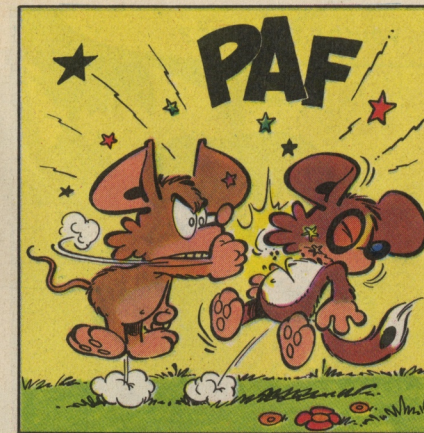


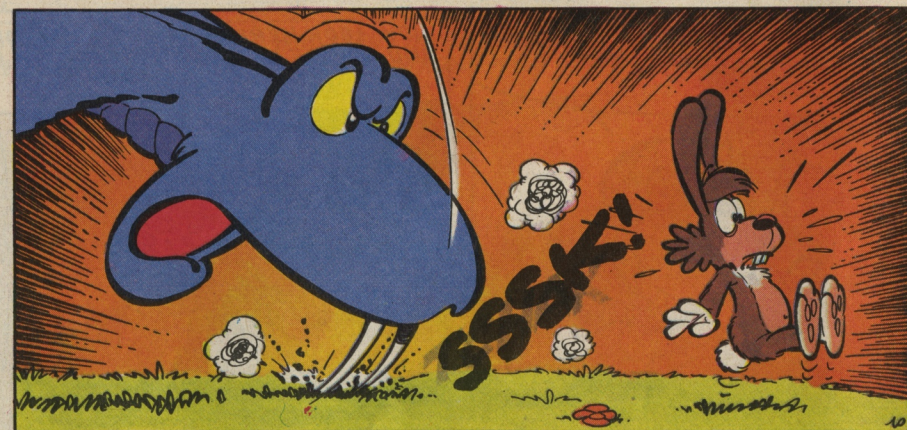
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CLORO AND DIGBY

Just as the new sports centre is nearly finished, Birdbrain loses his voice, much to Digby's relief, but...







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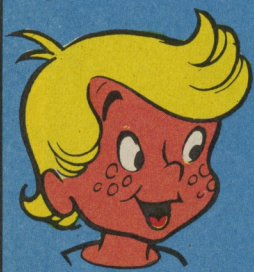
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TOP DOG

Scheming Mervin Megabucks and his two potty professors have got Top Dog in their clutches...



Joey Jordan



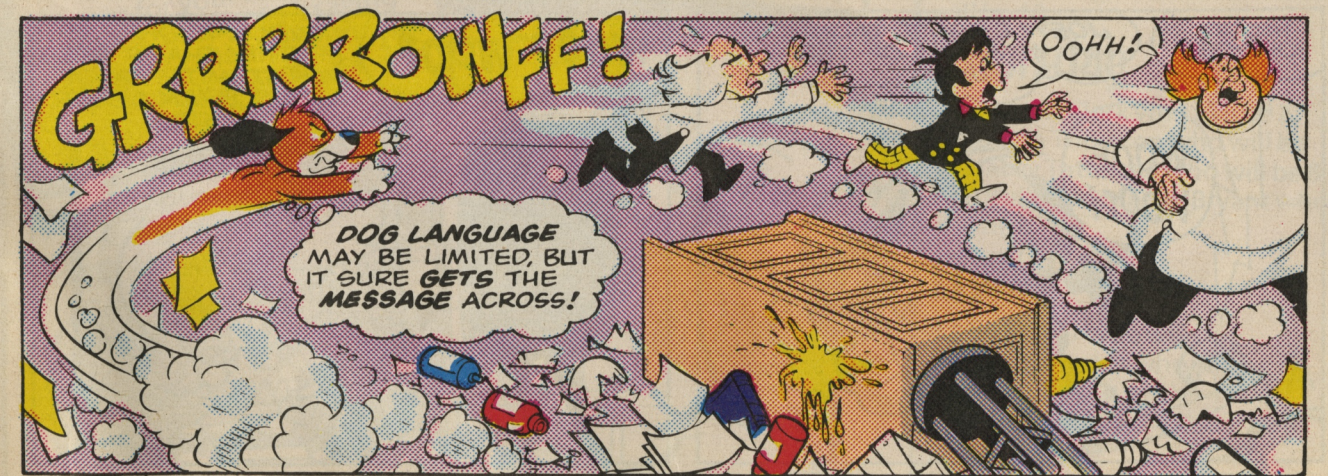
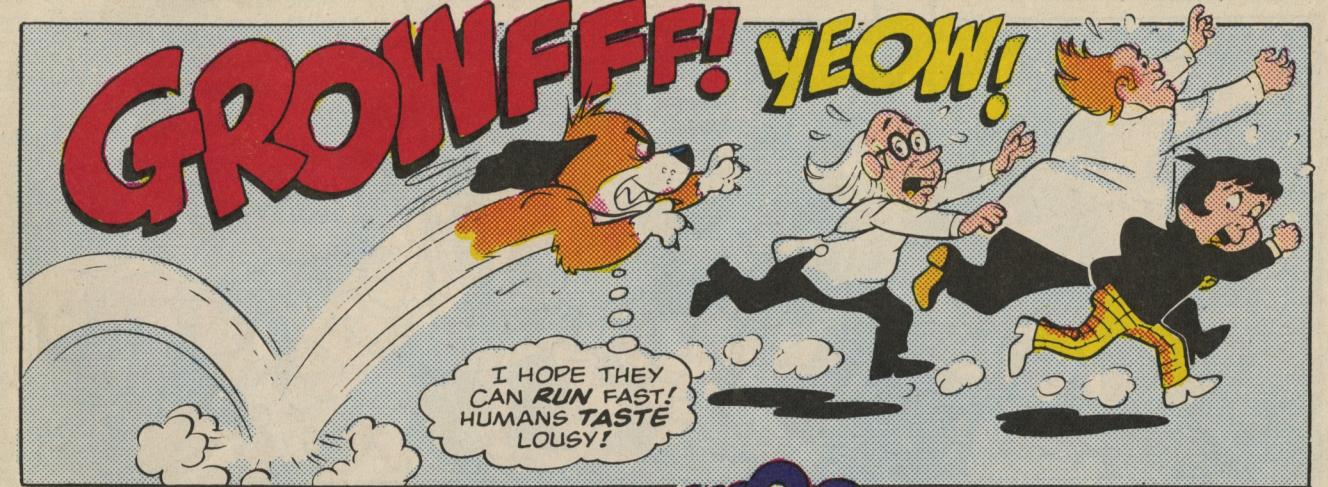
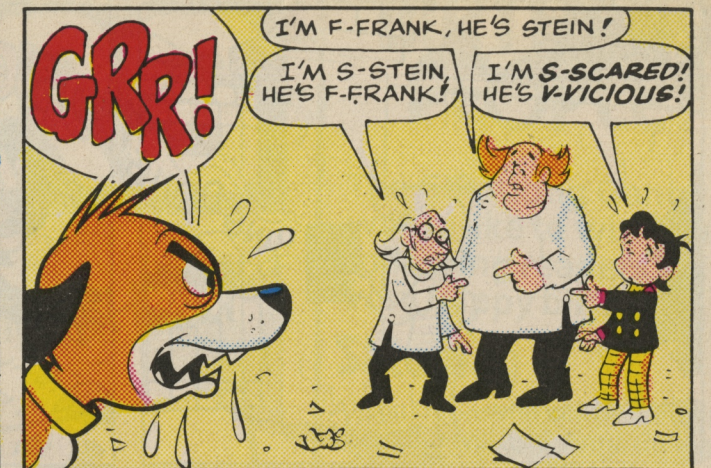
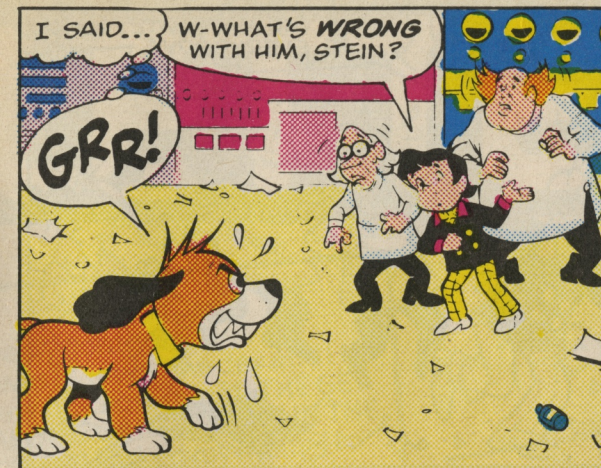
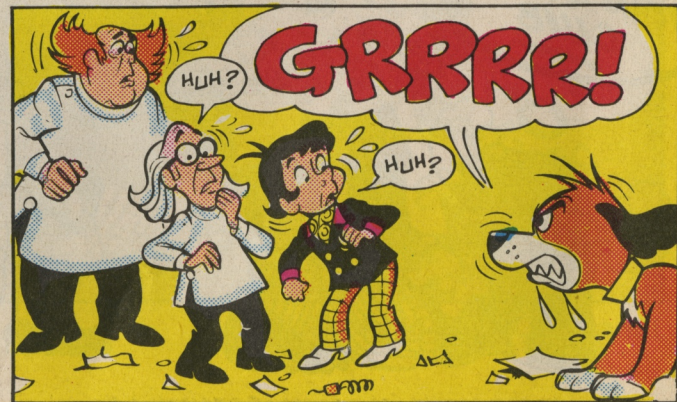
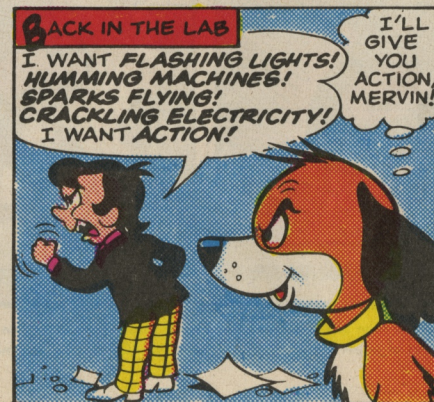
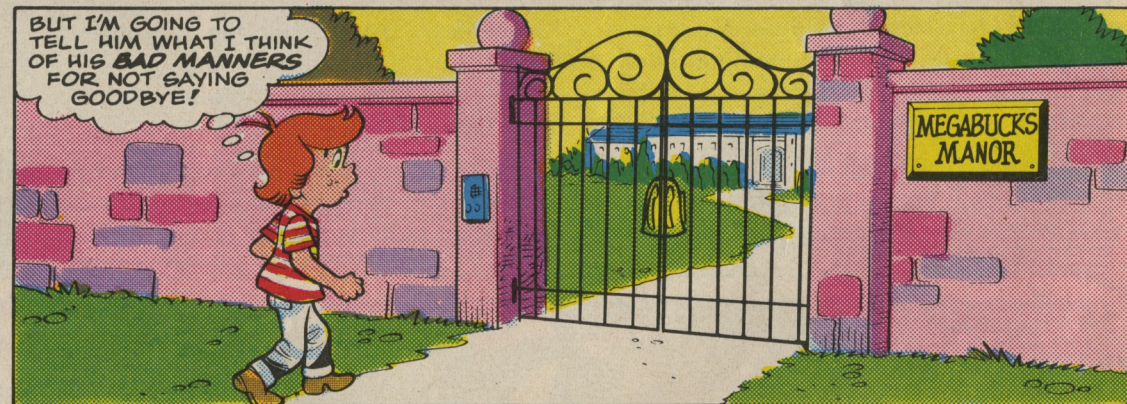
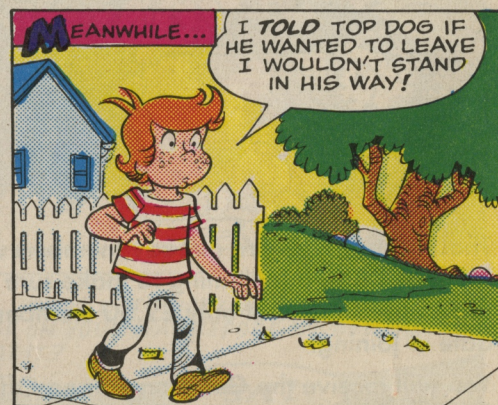
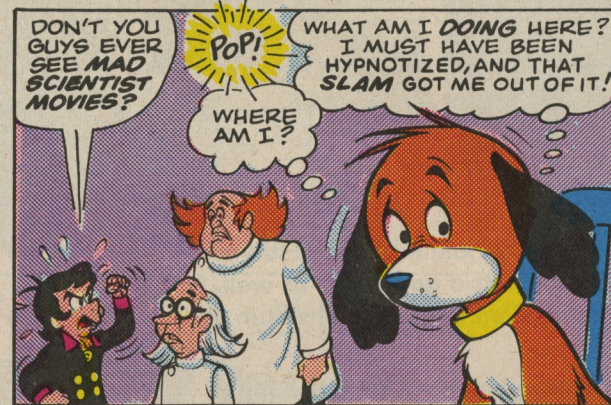
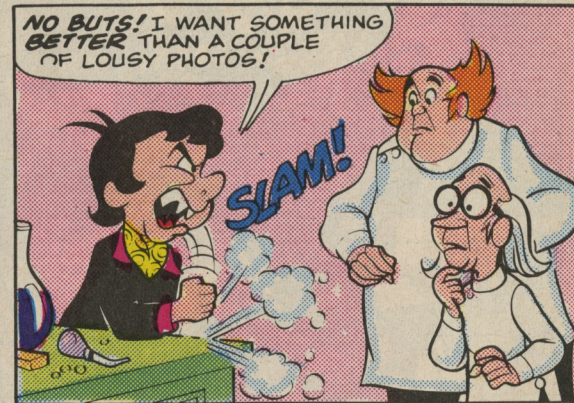
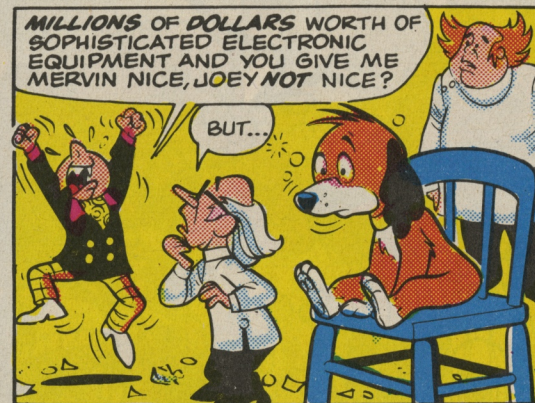
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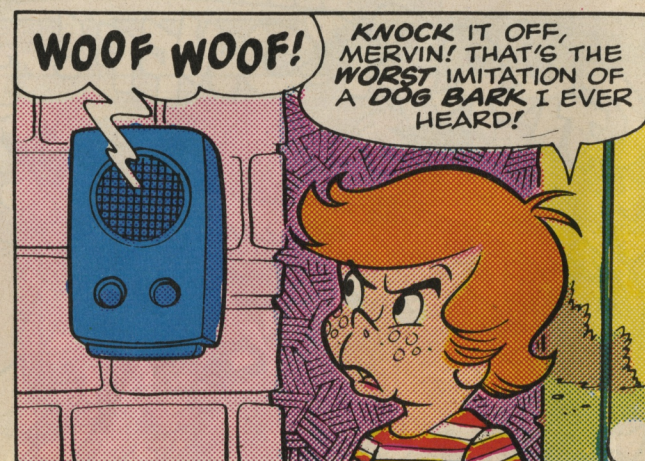
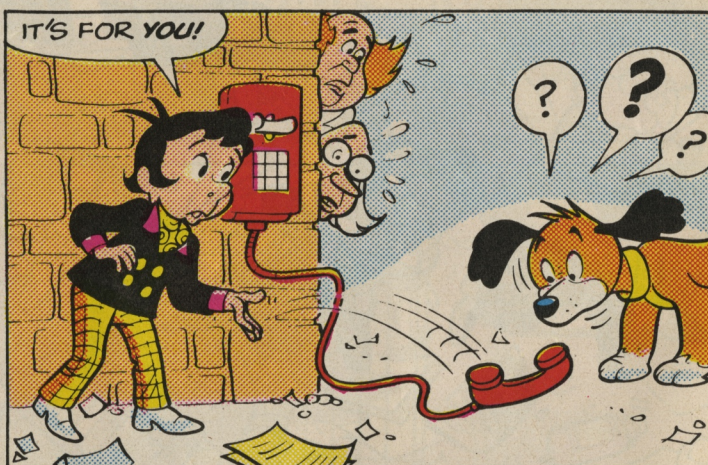
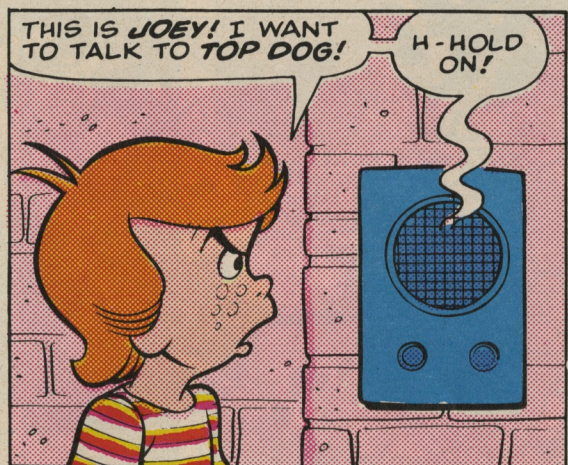
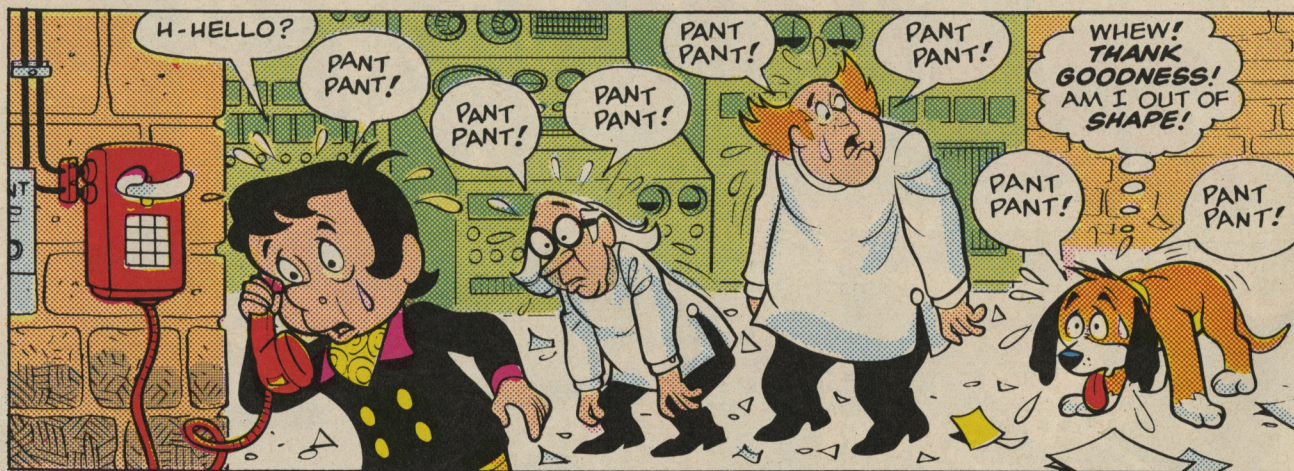
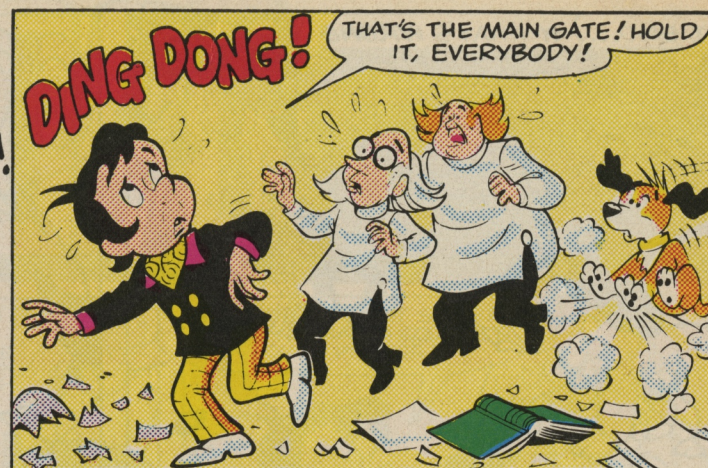
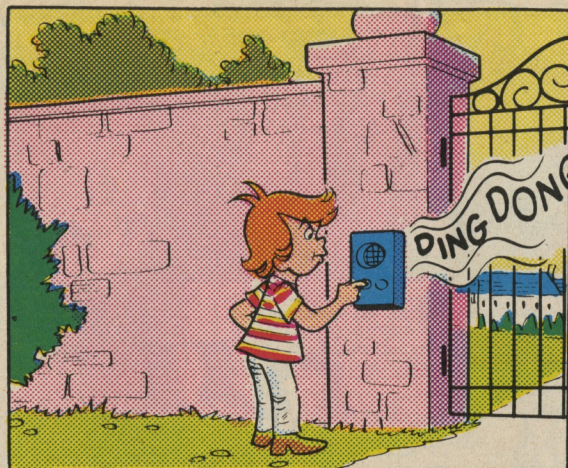


Joey's dad



Lizzie Jordan





More laughs next week!

LETTERS

ATISHOO!

Dear Montgomery, I was in town one day and I saw this sign. It said: **THE GET ALONG GANG WILL BE IN THE CO-OP!** I asked my mum if I could meet them. She said "Yes", and I did! I met Bingo and Dotty. Bingo said you had a cold. I hope you get well soon. They gave out colouring competition leaflets and I won first prize! It was a cuddly Woolma Lamb!

Sarah Jayne.

PS A-A-TISHOO! I have a bit of a cold too!

I'm sorry that I didn't get to meet you that day, but I didn't want to give you my cold—seems like you caught someone else's anyway! I hope you feel better soon!

NOT FAIR!

Dear Montgomery, I don't have a favourite gang member because whoever it was it wouldn't be fair on the rest. But my favourite part of your comic is Cloro and Digby and the games on the middle pages!

Rebecca.

Thanks for your lovely letter, Rebecca. Birdbrain is saying that as he's the star of the Cloro and Digby strip we should call it Birdbrain!

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TO THE CLUBHOUSE!

CHRISTOPHER'S PROBLEM!

Dear Montgomery, Have any of the gang ever been thrown out? I have been thrown out of lots of gangs!

Christopher.

Join ours! We won't throw you out!

JOKES GALORE!

Where do horses go if they don't feel well?
The Horsepital!

Deborah Conyers.

What do you get if you cross a frog with a hooter?
A frog-horn!

What do you get if you cross a guitar with a lamp?
Light music!

From an anonymous letter-writer.

What did the traffic warden have on his bread?
Traffic jam!

Jacqueline Atkinson.



BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!

The Get Along Gang would like to wish the following readers a very happy birthday!

Saturday

Alison Dunn who will be 8, Philip Lock who will be 6, Anna Girling who will be 6, Jonathan Byers who will be 7, Susan Perry who will be 9, Claire Farquharson who will be 7.

Sunday

Jaclyn Grant who will be 6, Joe Scott who will be 2, Christopher Bryan who will be 4, Lorna McGinty who will be 5, Christina Lam who will be 12, Lesley Young who will be 7, Dawn Haden who will be 6.

Monday

Christopher Parker's Grandma who will be 82, Paul Dixon who will be 2, Michelle Milner who will be 7, Kevin Barraclough who will be 8, Martin Coombes who will be 7.

Tuesday

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Hilary Bennet who will be 6, Susan Jordan who will be 8, Emma Smith who will be 3, Peter Brown who will be 5 and Linda Butcher who will be 10.

Wednesday

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Curt Hensel who will be 3, Craig Gell who will be 4, Ben Wilson who will be 6, Joanne Elliott who will be 10.

Thursday

Alexander Clark who will be 2, Julie Ann Thomson who will be 7, Tracey Tattersall who will be 8, Ben Kelly and Martin Bryant who will be 6.

Friday

Katie Brister who will be 6, Caroline Haynes who will be 7, Paul Evans who will be 4 and Steven Chapman who will be 6.

Belated greetings to Philip Rogers who was 8 on 2nd December.



Ha-ha-have a sp-sp-spooky t-t-time in Ba-Ba-Badger Ma-Ma-Mansion!

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